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In re application of: WILLIAM R. DUBRUL and  
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Application No.: 09/781,721

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Title: DILATING AND SUPPORT APPARATUS  
WITH DISEASE INHIBITORS AND METHODS  
FOR USE

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**Response to Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment**

**In The Claims**

This is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment mailed 21  
Jun. 2002. Clean copies of amended claims 26, 30 and 34 follow.

- 1           26.    (Amended) A method for dispensing an agent into body tissue defining a  
2   passageway comprising:
- C/ 3           positioning a porous tubular mesh, comprising a contact-dispensable agent, at a  
4   target site within a passageway of a body;
- 5           expanding the tubular mesh against the body tissue by a radially-expandable  
6   element within the tubular mesh causing the tubular mesh to make intimate contact with  
7   the body tissue;